



Weekly Information & Communication



Weekly WIC Newsletter

May 22, 2017

State Office Closed

The state office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Funding Formula Survey

We would like to ask that each lead agency take a few minutes to complete this survey (link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6JM656S>). We are in process of developing our funding formula, and wanted a little more information about how much satellite clinics cost in order to consider options for adequately, and fairly, funding these activities. Please complete this at your earliest convenience, but no later than May 26th, as we will be discussing this the following week on our conference call.

eWIC Food Items LIVE Today

As we have previously mentioned, you will start to see changes in SPIRIT related to eWIC. Starting today, when you look at food item options, you will see some new items. Mostly these items say “eWIC only”, but not all. Please continue to use your normal food items until you have been instructed to start updating food packages for eWIC rollout.

We will be discussing this thoroughly on our June 1st conference call and be able to answer any of your questions about the transition plan. Pilot agencies will be utilizing these items now in preparation for eWIC issuance, which is why they are live.

Breast Feeding Peer Counselor Training June 13, 2017

There will be a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Training on June 13, 2017. It will be held at the Helena WIC office from 8-5pm. All new Peer Counselors and their supervisors are encouraged to attend. You can contact [Teresa Messerman](#) at Ravalli County WIC 406-375-6687, or [Mary Strand](#) at the Missoula WIC office 406-258-3829. It will be a full day with a working lunch. We are excited to meet and train our new Peer Counselors and the supervisors.

Nutrition Training Webinars

The training in September will be cancelled due to eWIC. The topic that was going to be covered was the new food list. This will be covered on the June 1st conference call. Please have staff attend this conference call. If you have questions, please contact [Lacy](#).

2017 Educational Buys

The deadline for Educational Buy completion is rapidly approaching, **7/31/17**. It is encouraged that you schedule your visits with retailers as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. It is important to remind retailers what the purpose of the visit is and the expectations from both the State and Local offices. Please contact [Alex](#) for benefits or should you have any other questions at 444-4746.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 142](#), Prematurity is defined as birth at ≤ 37 weeks gestation (infants and children < 24 months of age).

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